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SUBJ: CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM FOR THE BAHAMAS

1. EMBASSY HAS DESIGNATED FSSO DIANE C. SALISBURY AS CULTURAL OFFICER AND HAS INITIATED DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL, INFORMATION, AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TAILORED TO BAHAMIAN SETTING.

2. WE FIND THAT OUR CENTRAL PROBLEM AT PRESENT IS IDENTIFYING THE KINDS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US, THE AMOUNT, AND OUR SOURCES OF SUPPORT. WE ALSO SEE A NEED FOR A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ASSISTANCE AS THEY INVOLVE THE POST, USIA, AND USIS KINGSTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY VISIT TO NASSAU BY KINGSTON PAO WHOSE HELP AND GUIDANCE WE BELIEVE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REALISTIC PROGRAM. IN TURN, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OUR VIEWS AND PREFERENCES AS TO THE PROGRAM INSTITUTED HERE, THE KINDS OF MATERIALS WE NEED, AND THE KINDS OF SUPPORT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. IF KINGSTON PAO IS UNABLE TO ARRANGE AN EARLY VISIT, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE CULTURAL OFFICER SALISBURY TRAVEL TO KINGSTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS CONSULTATION NO LATER THAN MID-NOVEMBER.

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4. IN THE MEANTIME, WE FIND OURSELVES DESPERATELY IN NEED OF REFERENCE MATERIALS ON AMERICANA AND CURRENT ISSUES. OUR EFFORT HERE WILL BE SMALL AND CAREFULLY TAILORED TO FILLING SPECIFIC GAPS IN THE UNOFFICIAL FLOW OF PEOPLE AND INFORMATION AND TO MEETING NUMEROUS REQUESTS WE HAVE IN THE SPEECHMAKING FIELD. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES NOW ON THE CONTEMPORARY US SCENE, HOWEVER, WE PERCEIVE A REAL NEED FOR A FULL SUPPLY OF USIS PUBLICATIONS, REFERENCE MATERIALS INCLUDING SUCH HANDY BOOKS AS THE WORLD ALMANAC, THE NEW YORK TIMES HANDBOOK, AND ANY GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIA-TYPE BOOKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. IS THERE A LIST OF SUCH BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM WHICH WE CAN ORDER? ALSO, MAY WE HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY AVAILABLE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS IN THE AMERICANA CATEGORY. OUR IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR SOMETHING ON AMERICAN HOLIDAYS, AND WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE SOME THANKSGIVING DAY MATERIAL BY AIR POUCH.

5. ANY AND ALL ASSISTANCE AS WE PULL TOGETHER OUR PROGRAM HERE WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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